

BUSINESS

American dream New restaurant adds to 10 years of family success

Theresa Wherrett
Staff Writer

In an age where the same mega-chains such as Max & Erma's and Friday's seem to dominate every strip mall, it is nice to encounter a true family-owned business.

George Marvaso, 61, owns and operates the Electric Stick and the newly-opened Stick Café with wife, Mary, and grown children Geo, Leslie, Sunday and Candy.

"The kids are a godsend," said the senior Marvaso.

Marvaso opened his first business, the Electric Stick, in 1993. At the time, it was voted the Number One New Billiard Center in the United States by *Billiards Digest Magazine*.

"It's truly the American Dream," said Marvaso. "We started with no assets, no money, nothing. It took a lot of hard work and faith."

After operating the Electric Stick for 10 years, Marvaso was offered the opportunity to expand next door when the old

tenant (Harmony House) left. In what he called a "huge change", Marvaso knocked down the wall and created a unique sports bar next to the billiards area. The doors to the new Stick Café opened Aug. 25. The elegant décor, a copy of a spot in the Bellagio in Las Vegas, adds an ambiance and feel not usually seen in a sports bar.

"We really have pushed for quality," Marvaso said. "We spend a lot of money to provide the best food available."

That food, however, is not exorbitantly priced. The most expensive food item is an 8-ounce New York Strip at \$19.99. Other items, such as burgers and sandwiches, start at \$6.99.

The Stick Café is an elegant sports bar with nine digital wide-screen televisions, which can offer a break to those playing pool next door or a place for the sports fan to watch his or her favorite game. "Our most popular games are the Wings, Sunday NFL and college football," said Marvaso.



George Marvaso (left), owner of the Electric Stick and the new Stick Café in Westland, has found his new eatery has become a popular gathering place for political fundraisers, as representatives from Sen. Laura Toy (D-Westland) and U.S. Congressman Thad McCotter's (R-Livonia) office can attest. Each hosted a fundraiser there recently.

Marvaso traveled extensively throughout the country to determine the exact look and feel of this new venture, according to son, Geo.

"We really strived for quality," he said. "My dad went to Las Vegas, New Orleans, just all over the country to make sure everything was just right."

The results are obvious in both the décor and atmosphere. Service, too, is superior. There is an excellent ratio of servers to

customers and the waitpersons are knowledgeable, helpful and obviously, trained to meet the needs of the customers.

The Stick Café and the adjoining Electric Stick have become popular fundraising and group spots, recently hosting events for Congressman Thaddeus McCotter and Sen. Laura Toy. Marvaso also offers free church youth group parties.

"We offer free youth group parties to any church," said

Marvaso. "We'll take up to 40 kids at a time and they can play free pool and free arcade games. We'll give them a burger and fries free. We only ask that they pay the tip. The kids have a great time." Marvaso estimated that he has allowed 15 - 20 church youth groups to come in for free over the last year.

The Stick Café is located at 6569 N. Wayne Road in Westland. For more information, call 734-405-5222.

Housewares parties gaining popularity with homeowners

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Look out, Tupperware.

Once the mainstay of the home-based sales party, Tupperware has had to share the market with many newcomers. One of the newest, Southern Living at Home, has been sweeping across the country and is currently the fastest growing party plan company in the history of direct sales. Southern Living at Home sells decorative household items.

Canton Township resident Pam Uller, 42, joined the party last year when she decided to become a sales consultant. She says she has no regrets.

"This is a great way to earn money," Uller said. "I set my own hours. It lets me be creative. I've made a lot of great friends."

Uller, the mother of two school-age children, may be like many women who are flocking to join Southern Living ranks. For many, the appeal of being a home-based consultant lies in the flexibility of work hours - a big bonus to moms who also have to squeeze in soccer practice and doctor's appointments. About 50 percent of Southern Living At Home consultants work on a part-time basis, according to the company website.

Of course, many others may have joined this high-flying start-up eyeing the potential for future dollars. Like many home-based sales organization, the big dollars to be made are in the management of other consultants.

Just imagine having the opportunity to join Pampered Chef or Mary Kay in the

early years, and were able to convince hundreds or even thousands to follow your lead. According to Uller, one of the six women who started the company now has 7,000 consultants working for her and is making well over six figures a year.

Indeed, Southern Living at Home has enjoyed phenomenal success. Started only two years ago in 2001, the company has expanded to include more than 25,000 consultants. Wholesale revenue for 2002 topped \$85 million. For 2003, the company anticipates wholesale revenue to be approximately \$140 million, earned from about 250,000 parties, a 40 percent increase in parties from the prior year.

There's no indication that the growth will let up anytime soon. Started in Birmingham, AL, as a spin-off from the *Southern Living Magazine*, the company has been branching out of the south to invade western and northern territory. Forty percent of the current sales force is now located outside of the south.

Getting in on the ground floor played into Uller's decision to join Southern Living at Home, although how far she will go in the company remains to be seen. After spending a year as a consultant, she has one other consultant working for her. She currently averages about four parties per month for total monthly sales of approximately \$2,000.

No matter how far she goes, however, Uller says she just enjoys the products and likes getting out of her house to sell her wares at neighborhood parties.

"I'm really enjoying my own party-plan business," said Uller. "This is fulfilling for me."

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Students learn about disabilities during Handicapable Week

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Staff Writer

Students at Romulus High School received a first hand lesson in the everyday struggles handicapped people face last week during Handicapable Week.

The purpose of the week is to promote the understanding and acceptance of individuals who face physical, hearing, visual, articulation and intellectual challenges, according to school officials.

"We want to teach kids to be sensitive to kids with impairments, as well as how to relate to and accommodate them," said Rhonda McAllister-Henry, social worker at Romulus High School. "This week is about giving them the knowledge and the skills to be better prepared to deal with people with impairments."

Handicapable Week was created five years ago because of a former student.

"We would see the way the other kids

were very insensitive to this students situation," said Suzanne Synder, a special education teacher at Romulus High School. "We wanted to create a program that would show kids that these kids with impairments were just kids themselves and going through the same things, just on another level."

Each day students learned about a specific disability. During the mandatory silent school reading time each day, students were supplied with articles on the given disability.

Students then watched a video, which helped further in teaching them about the different aliments. Other topics of the week included physical impairments, cerebral palsy, sensitivity to disabilities and speech, language and hearing disorders.

A motivational speaker is also brought in each year during Handicapable Week. In the past years, wheelchair-bound acci-

dent victims have spoken, as well as a visually impaired man. This year the Romulus Rotary Club sponsored Dennis Garden to speak to the 1100 high school students at a mandatory assembly.

Garden was extensively burned in a fire when he was just 14 years old. He then spent the next eight months in the hospital and two years isolated in his home.

Since that time, Garden has regained his will to live and is determined to give this message to anyone who will listen. Garden says, "I can't tell anyone how to get through his or her own personal challenges, each must find their own way. But, what I can do is share my challenges and what I have learned from them and in doing so, encourage others to face and conquer their challenges."

Finally during the week students were given the chance to sign up to be impaired for an entire school day. Whether it is in a

wheelchair, crutches or wearing earplugs and headphones to simulate hearing impairments, 40 students signed up.

"All of the students always want the wheelchairs," said McAllister-Henry. "They always think it will be great because they can use the elevator and get out of class early. But that changes by the end of the day."

Many students ended their day with an impairment in tears.

"We had students coming in and saying that they never realized how hard something like this would be and literally they were in tears," said Synder.

Teachers felt the same way about the weeklong look at disabilities.

"The teachers are also forced to decide what they would need to do to accommodate a student with disabilities," said Synder. "Teachers are very thankful for this week, because it also teaches them about dealing with disabilities."



State Reps. Dan Paletko, left, (D-Dearborn Heights), Kathleen Law (D-Gibraltar), Hoon-Yung Hopgood (D-Taylor) and Aldo Vagnozzi (D-Farmington Hills) gathered for a Town Hall Meeting in Taylor this week to discuss problems with the Michigan Educational Assessment Program test.

MEAP

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MEAP piles on.

"It's a job just to get this test ready to go," he said. "Then, on top of that, I have 350 students to take care of each day. This is no longer testing for the good of the teachers. It is now how we are going to sell our real estate in our cities."

Orme expressed concern about some of the questions found on the MEAP.

"How reliable is this test?" he

asked. "Some of the questions have ambiguous meanings. How are the kids supposed to answer these questions? I think all the legislators should have to take the test before they dish it out to the kids."

Off the 211 students who took the MEAP from Romulus High School, where it is now a graduation requirement, 50 students were eligible for the merit scholarship.

Relative to other school districts in Michigan, Romulus Community Schools generates well below-average student results with well above-average spending per

student. Hopgood was positive about some changes currently taking place in Lansing regarding the MEAP.

"I was very happy to see that Gov. Granholm recently moved the administration of the MEAP back to the Michigan Department of Education from the Department of Treasury," he said.

Gov. Engler placed it within the jurisdiction of the treasury, because it dealt with Merit Scholarship monies.

Granholm's change will take place Dec. 21.

that he was simply cashing them for his younger brother. The man had no idea that the checks had been stolen in an armed robbery, police said.

The man led authorities to his younger brother who, in turn, confessed to the robbery and named the others involved.

On Nov. 11, a search warrant was obtained and all four men were under arrest by Nov. 12.

Wade Givham, 17, Kenny Davis, 18, and Dustin Duprey, 18, all of Romulus have been charged with two counts of armed robbery. Christopher Rutledge, 17, of Wayne has been charged with two counts of armed robbery and a felony firearms charge, which carries

with it a two-year mandatory sentence.

When police went to the residence of Givham to serve the search warrant, a large amount of marijuana was found and additional charges are pending.

The suspects are being held on \$10,000 cash bond awaiting their preliminary examination.

Lazarski credits the successful ending to this case to the undercover officers at the Romulus Police Department.

"These guys did everything they could to solve this case, they conducted an extensive investigation," he said. "I would put them up against any undercover unit in the U.S. They are just that good."

Police join efforts to catch robbery suspect

Ashley Lawrence
Staff Writer

representing herself to a police officer:

"She was scared," he said.

The female then revealed that her boyfriend, the driver of the vehicle, had been involved in an armed robbery two nights before in Romulus, according to police.

Doulette proceeded to search the car and found a toy gun under the front seat and a pack of Monarch cigarettes in the man's pocket.

"The toy gun looked very real," said Lazarski. "His girlfriend then informed Doulette that the man didn't smoke Monarch cigarettes. The officer immediately contacted the Romulus Police Department to check on the story of the armed robbery."

When Lazarski received the call late in the evening, he said he was impressed that Doulette had gone to such extents to investigate the crime.

Upon the instruction of the Romulus police, Lewis was taken into custody in Dearborn and immediately transferred to Romulus where he was charged with armed robbery.

Lewis, who has already spent five years in prison for armed robbery, is looking at more prison time with this crime.

"I think he will definitely do some time for this," said Lazarski. "We are very grateful to Doulette for the terrific job he did and for helping us solve this case. It is an example of great police work."

Wrestling superstars to appear

Romulus was recently visited by three World Wrestling Entertainment (WWE) superstars to help promote a local wrestling event taking place Sunday evening at the Diamondback Saloon in Belleville.

The "Belleville Bash", which is the creation of promoter Dave Martin, general manager of the Landing Strip, will feature such former WWE superstars as Raven and D Lo Brown.

"It will be a great time and we

should see some great wrestling," said Martin.

Tickets for the event are still available and can also be purchased at the door. Ticket prices are: \$25 for VIP tickets, which includes a 45-minute autograph session with the wrestlers. Advanced tickets are \$12 for adults and \$5 for children. At the door, tickets will be \$15 for adults and \$7 for children. The event begins at 6:30. For more information call 313-438-4137.

Robbery

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Western Union money orders totaling about \$200, Lazarski said.

On Oct. 28, the two checks were cashed and a Romulus police undercover unit took charge and made it a point to solve this case, said Lazarski.

"These guys worked non-stop for 26 hours to solve this case," he said. "They were incredible."

After tracing the checks, cashed through Western Union in Colorado, Romulus officers arrested the man who had signed and cashed the checks. Further investigation revealed

Life line

Stroke risk testing available at Belleville church Saturday

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Staff Writer

It only takes 10 minutes to find out whether or not someone is at risk for stroke.

That's why Life Line Screening of Cleveland, OH, will visit the Trinity Episcopal Church at 9 a.m. Saturday in Belleville. Health professionals will use ultrasound to detect the risk of stroke for individuals. The tests are given for a low cost by appointment beginning at 9 a.m.

"These non-invasive, inexpensive and painless ultrasound tests help people identify their risk for stroke, vascular diseases or osteoporosis early enough for their physician to begin preventive procedures," said Paula Motolik of Life Line Screening.

A stroke is the third leading killer in the world, and is the second among women, Motolik said. Through preventive screenings, the risk of having a stroke can be greatly reduced, she said. Ultrasound technology can scan for potential health problems related to blocked arteries, aortic aneurysms and hardening of the arteries,

Motolik said. The group also offers bone density screenings for men and women, which can assess the risk for osteoporosis, she said.

Each screening requires 10 minutes or less to complete, Motolik said. A complete vascular package, which includes the stroke/carotid artery, abdominal aortic aneurysm and ankle brachial index screenings, costs \$99. A complete vascular package, along with an osteoporosis screening, costs \$125.

Motolik said Life Line Screening was established in 1993 and has since become the nation's leading provider of vascular screenings.

More than 45 ultrasound teams on staff travel to communities around the country to bring screenings to local communities, she said.

For more information regarding the screenings or to make an appointment, call 1-800-643-6188. Pre-registration is required for a screening. Trinity Episcopal Church is located at 11575 Belleville Road in Belleville. Life Line Screening can be found on the Web at www.lifelinescreening.com.

OBITUARIES

RUBRIGHT, Ellsmer Lawrence

Ellsmer Lawrence Rubright, 78, of New Boston, died Nov. 11.

Among his survivors is his wife, Maxine; children, Dennis Rubright, Clifford Rubright, Diane (Bradley) Brouth, Sandy (Stern) Dubanik; Ellsmer Rubright, Jr and Edwin (Tammy) McCarty; 15 grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock.

Arrangements were entrusted to Michigan Memorial Funeral Home.

TRASKOS, Ervina

Ervina "Beanie" Traskos, 86, of Belleville, died Nov. 14 in Ann Arbor.

Among her survivors is her husband of 62 years, Henry Traskos; sons, Larry (Faye) Traskos of Belleville and Ronald (Wanda) Traskos of Dearborn Heights; daughters, Deborah (Paul) Stanbaugh and Gloria (Bob) Coppock, both of Belleville; a sister, Gloria (George) Prill of Youngtown, AZ; nine grandchildren, and two great-granddaughters.

Funeral services were at the David C. Brown Funeral Home with the Rev. John N. Grenfell III officiating.

Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock.

PENDELTON, M. Lyle

M. Lyle Pendleton, 79, of Belleville, died Nov. 13 in Riverview.

Among his survivors is his wife of 38 years, F.J. (Raths) Pendleton; sons, Dennis Pendleton and Robert Pendleton, both of Belleville; a daughter, Kathryn (Sam) Greco of Dearborn Heights; sisters, Anna Colvin of Mississippi and Eva Brown of Utah; a brother, Vaughn (Barbara) Pendleton of Utah, and five grandchildren.

Mr. Pendleton was decorated five times for his service in the U.S. Navy during World War II and the Korean Conflict.

He was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints in Ypsilanti.

Funeral services were at the David C. Brown Funeral Home with Bishop Ronald E. Moody officiating.

Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock.

SMITH, Robert William

Robert William Smith, 70, a 20-year resident of Belleville, died Nov. 14 at home.

Among his survivors is his brother, Warren Gordon (Geraldine) Smith of Macomb and his nephew, Gregory G. Smith, also of Macomb.

Mr. Smith served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict.

Funeral services were at the David C. Brown Funeral Home with Father John R. Hagan officiating.

POWERS, Dorothy L.

Dorothy L. (Krisko) Powers, of Romulus, died Nov. 9.

Among her survivors are her daughters, Darleen (Henry) Boland and Dawn (Jim) Carter; grandsons, Zachery and Jonathan; brother, John (Cammie) Krisko, and a nephew, John F. (Nicole).

A funeral mass was celebrated at St. Mary Catholic Church in Wayne.

Arrangements were entrusted to the Harry J. Will Funeral Home in Wayne.

STOLL, Ruth Irene

Ruth Irene Stoll, 52, died Nov. 8.

Among her survivors are her daughters, Jessica and Jennifer; grandchildren, Shane, Trevor, Dylan and Cecilia; her parents, Lawrence and Aldonia; sister, Shirlee, and a brother, Ronny.

Funeral services were at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home in Wayne.

MCDANIELS, Edward Lee

Edward Lee McDaniels, 49, of Inkster died Oct. 12.

Funeral services were at Gethsemane Baptist Church with the Rev. Willie Davis officiating.

Arrangements were entrusted to the Penn Funeral Home in Inkster.

NOTICE CITY OF ROMULUS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST

Pursuant to and by authority conferred upon me by the Secretary of State by Section 794C of Act No. 116 of the Public Act of 1954, as amended, notice is hereby given that a Public Accuracy Test shall be conducted by the Election Commission of the City of Romulus at 3:00 p.m. Wednesday, November 26, 2003 in the Clerk's Office, 11111 South Wayne Road, for the purpose of certifying the programs to be used in the counting devices which will be utilized to process Ballots in the December 2, 2003, Special Election. Said Meeting is open to the public and any concerned citizen may attend.

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Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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VAN CONVERSION FOR ROMULUS POLICE DEPARTMENT

The City of Romulus, Michigan is seeking bids from qualified vendors for the above item.

- (1) Qualified individuals and firms wishing to submit bids must do so on forms provided by the City. Bid forms and specifications may be obtained from Lynn A. Conway, Purchasing Coordinator, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan, by calling (734) 955-4568 or by Emailing: romuluspurchasing@icwww.net
- (2) Bids must be submitted in sealed envelopes and returned to the City Clerk's Office no later than 2:00pm, Tuesday, December 2, 2003. At that time said bids would be publicly opened and read.

BID ENVELOPES MUST BE ADDRESSED:

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BID 03/04-27 - VAN CONVERSION FOR ROMULUS
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- (3) The right is reserved to reject any and all bids and proposals and to waive technicalities.

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CITY OF ROMULUS NOTICE TO ELECTORS Absentee Voter Ballots

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF ROMULUS, COUNTY OF WAYNE, STATE OF MICHIGAN:

Notice is hereby given that ABSENTEE VOTERS BALLOTS are available for the December Special Election to be held Tuesday, December 2, 2003 and may be obtained from the Office of the Romulus City Clerk, 11111 Wayne Road, for electors who expect to be absent from the community, are physically disabled, cannot attend the polls because of the tenets of their religion, or are 60 years of age or older.

Notice is further given that Saturday, November 29, 2003 at 2:00 p.m. is the deadline for the acceptance of Absentee Ballot Applications, in accordance with Section 168.759 of Michigan Compiled Laws of 1948, as amended. The City Clerk's Office will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for the acceptance thereof.

"LATE" ABSENTEE VOTERS APPLICATIONS Will be accepted from any registered elector between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on the day before the election, Monday, December 1, 2003 if the voter shall personally appear at the Clerk's office. Said ballot may not be taken out of the Clerk's office but must be voted immediately.

EMERGENCY ABSENTEE VOTERS APPLICATIONS will be issued to any registered elector prior to 4:00 p.m. on Election Day if he/she shall become physically disabled or shall be absent from the City of Romulus because of sickness or death in the family which occurred at a time that has made it impossible to apply for Absentee Ballots by the statutory deadline.

Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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Westland mayor named woman of distinction

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Staff Writer

Westland Mayor Sandra Cicirelli was named one of six western Wayne YWCA "Women of Distinction" last week before a crowd of 325 people.

Cicirelli, who had been nominated by her executive assistant Joann Seaberg, won the honor in the category "Government/Law."

Five other women were also honored in separate categories: Kim Trent, Arts/Communication; Judith Quinn, Business/Industry; Dr. Beverly Black, Professions; Rose Khalifa, Volunteer Service; and Elizabeth Youngblood, Young Woman. Senator Debbie Stabenow (D-MI) was named YWCA Woman of the Year.

"These women have demonstrated outstanding leadership in personal and pro-

fessional endeavors in Wayne County," said Mary Kramer, associate publisher/editor of *Crain's Detroit Business*, who acted as the event mistress of ceremonies.

The annual awards program, started in 1992, is a way to recognize women who have helped to better western Wayne County, according to Corinne Vincent, outgoing executive director for the Western Wayne YWCA. Each year, a winner is chosen in each of the six fields, based on rankings from an eight-person selection committee. Honorees this year were chosen from a total nomination pool of 36 women, according to Vincent. Previous winners have included Amyre Makupson, Jennifer Granholm, Kay Beard and Paula Blanchard.

"Many of the women who have preceded me are well-respected and I'm pleased to be considered in the same category with



them," said Cicirelli. "I am very honored to be recognized and to have won this award."

Cicirelli served for 10 years as mediator with the 21st District Court and served on the Childwatch Committee of the Juvenile Law Section. She was elected for three consecutive terms (1990 - 2002) to the Westland City Council and was voted by her colleagues to serve as council president. On Jan. 1, 2002, she became the first

female mayor of the city. She has also served in numerous volunteer roles, helped to obtain grant funds for the county skate park, and introduced and obtained support for the city Youth Assistance Program.

Westland residents Delphine Kosta and Helen Ontko and Wayne resident Henriette Lentine were all nominated for the honor in the volunteer category.

Local communities face 'true-up' payments for Detroit water

Scott Spielman
Editor

Some communities in western Wayne County will be forced to make a one-time true up payment to the Detroit Water and Sewer Department (DWSD).

The payment reflects a change in technology that allows the DWSD to more accurately gauge the amount of water that is used by local municipalities, according to Don Weaver, direc-

tor of public services for Northville Township.

For the past 20 years, those rates have been determined in part by an estimate of peak flow hours and peak flow days for the municipalities, and how they relate to the capacity of the DWSD. It is also impacted by several other factors, such as the distance of the community from the pumping stations and the elevation of it. Recently the department installed new

telemetry systems that can give a more accurate picture, Weaver said.

"It gives them the ability to monitor the use every 15 minutes," he said.

The DWSD decided to bill communities for any discrepancies in a one-time payment. Weaver said he was expecting the bill in December.

Northville Township would pay an additional \$84,501, Canton Township would pay an

additional \$263,059, Inkster an additional \$33,330 and the City of Wayne would pay an additional \$10,864.

Other communities face larger payments – the City of Troy will have to pay an additional \$714,346, while Pontiac will pay an additional \$528,638.

Not all communities have underpaid, however. The City of Northville is set to get a \$2,528 refund, the City of Plymouth will get a \$3,039 refund, Plymouth

Township will receive \$34,254, Romulus, \$76,891 and Westland, \$18,704.

Weaver said the data from the new technology will be blended into the way the rates have been historically calculated during the next several years.

"They're just trying to refine their calculations," said John Spencer, from the Canton Township budget department. "I don't see a significant increase in our rates because of this."

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The six women who were chosen as 2003 Women of Distinction are: (back row, left to right) Elizabeth Youngblood, Judith Quinn and Kim Trent; (Front row, left to right) Sandra Cicirelli, Dr. Beverly Black, Rose Khalifa.

AMENDMENTS TO ROMULUS ORDINANCE:**BUSINESS REGISTRATION****CHAPTER 17: LICENSING****ARTICLE I. GENERAL BUSINESS REGISTRATION****Sec. 17-1: Short Title.**

This article shall be known and may be cited as the "General Business Registration Ordinance of the City of Romulus Michigan."

Sec. 17-2: Scope.

It is not intended by this chapter to repeal, abrogate, annul or in any way impair or interfere with existing provisions of other laws or ordinances, except those specifically repealed by this chapter.

It is believed that the registration of businesses is needed for purposes such as location of Hazmat activity; facilitation of personal property tax assessment and collection, and assurance that the activity is in the proper zo

Sec. 17-3: Definitions.

For the purposes of this chapter, the following terms, phrases, words, and their derivations shall have the meaning given herein. When not inconsistent with the context, words used in the present tense include the future, words in the plural number include the singular number, and words in the singular number include the plural number. The word "shall" is always mandatory and not merely directory.

Business is meant to include all kinds of vocations, occupations, professions, enterprises, establishments, and all other kinds of activities and matters, on any premises in this city, or anywhere else within its jurisdiction; except for the isolated sale of personal need items shall not be constitute a business. Any business covered by the provisions of another ordinance shall not be exempt from the provisions of this chapter.

Certificates is the certificate of business registration, issued by the City Clerk upon the applicant's completion of the form and payment of the filing fee, in accordance with this article.

Certificate holder includes the word "holder" and refers to the business owner or applicant granted a certificate of registration in accordance with this article.

City is the City of Romulus, Michigan

City Council is the city council of the City of Romulus, Michigan

City Clerk or clerk is the City Clerk of the City of Romulus, Michigan

Person is meant to include individual natural persons, partnerships joint ventures, societies, associations, clubs, trusts, or corporations-, or any officers, agent, employees, factors, or any kind of person representatives of any thereof, in any capacity, acting either for himself, or for any other person, under either personal appointment or pursuant to law.

Personal service is meant to include all such means of service as defined by the Michigan Court Rules, including in-hand delivery and certified or registered mailing,

Premises is meant to include all lands, structures, places, used in connection with any such business conducted on such premises.

Registration or registered refers to such businesses or certificate holders who have applied for and have been granted certificates by the City Clerk and have paid the appropriate fees in accordance with this article. The terms include respectively the words "certificate," "certificate holder," or "holder" for any use or period of time of any similar privilege, wherever relevant to any provision of this chapter or other law or ordinance,

See. 174: Application of Regulations.

(a) *Compliance required.* It shall be unlawful for any person, either directly or indirectly, to conduct any business or nonprofit enterprise, with the exception of a non-profit charitable organization which has been granted a federal tax exemption as such without registering with the city and maintaining such registration at all such times as required by this chapter or other law ordinance of this city.

(b) *Agents responsible for registration.* The agents or other representatives of non residents who are doing business in the city shall be personally responsible for the compliance of their principals and of the businesses they represent with this chapter.

(c) *Separate registration for branch establishments, rental real property.* Each branch establishment or location of the business engaged in shall be registered in the manner prescribed herein, as if each such branch establishment or location were a separate business; provided that warehouses and distributing plants used in connection with and, incidental to a business registered under the provisions of this chapter shall not be deemed to be separate places of business or branch establishments.

Each rental real property shall be deemed a branch establishment or separate place of business for the purpose of this chapter when there is a representative of the owner or the owner's agent on the premises who is authorized to transact business for such owner or owner's agent or there is a regular employee of the owner or of the owner's agent working on the premises.

(d) *Joint Registration.* A person engaged in two (2) or more businesses at the same location shall not be required to separately register each business, but shall specify upon registration all such businesses on the application for registration.

(e) *No registration required for mere delivery.* No registration shall be required of any person for any mere delivery in the city of any property purchased or acquired in good faith from such person at his or her regular place of business outside the city where no intent by such person is shown to exist to evade the provisions of this chapter

(f) *Special certificates to nonprofit charitable enterprise.* The City Clerk shall issue certificates, without the payment of any registration fees for other charges therefor, to any person or organization which is located within the city, otherwise council approval is required, for the conduct or operation of a nonprofit charitable enterprise, either regularly or temporarily when he or she finds that the applicant operates without private profit, for a public charitable, educational, or religious purpose.

(1) *Application.* An applicant for a special certificate shall submit an application therefor to the City Clerk, upon forms prescribed by the clerk, and shall furnish such additional information and make such affidavits as the clerk shall require,

(2) *Special certificate holders must conform.* A person or organization operating under a special certificate shall operate his or her nonprofit charitable enterprise in compliance with this chapter and all other applicable rules and regulations except as provided herein.

Sec. 17-5: City Clerk to issue certificates of registration, City Treasurer to collect fees.

(a) *Issue certificates.* The City Treasurer shall collect all registration fees and the City Clerk shall issue certificates in the name of the city to all persons qualified under the provisions of this chapter and shall:

(1) *Make rules.* Promulgate and enforce all reasonable rules and regulations necessary to the operation and enforcement of this chapter as approved by the Mayor.

(2) *Adopt forms.* Adopt all forms and prescribe the information to be given therein as to character and other relevant matter for all necessary papers.

(3) *Require affidavits.* Require applicants to submit all affidavits and oaths necessary to the administration of this chapter.

(4) *Obtain endorsement.* Submit all applications, on a proper case, to interested city officials for their endorsements thereon as to compliance with the applicant with a city regulations which they have the duty of enforcing.

(5) *Determine eligibility.* Determine the eligibility of any applicant for a certificate of registration as prescribed herein.

(6) *Give notice.* Notify any applicant of the acceptance or rejection of this application and shall, upon his or her refusal of any certificate, at the applicants request, state in writing the reasons therefor and deliver them to the applicant.

(b) *Information confidential.* The City Clerk shall keep all information furnished or secured under the authority of this chapter in strict confidence. Such information shall not be subject to public inspection and shall be kept so that the contents thereof shall not become known except to the persons charged with the administration of this chapter. This provision shall not limit the ability of the various City Departments to share and access this information for purposes of enforcement of this chapter.

Sec. 17-6: Qualifications of applicants.

The general standard herein set out relative to the qualifications of every applicant for a certificate of business registration shall be considered and applied by the City Clerk. The applicant shall:

(1) *Citizenship.* Be a citizen of the United States of America, or a person allowed to do business under the laws of the state and the United States of America.

(2) *No obligations to city.* Not be in default under the provisions of this chapter or indebted or obligated in any manner to the city except for current taxes.

(3) *Compliance with zoning regulations.* Present a certificate of occupancy furnished by the city inspector, or a letter from the building director, to the effect that the proposed use of any premises is not a violation of city zoning regulations.

Sec. 17-7: Procedures for issuance of certificate of registration.

(a) *Formal application required.* Every person required to produce a certificate of registration under the provisions of any ordinance or law of the city shall submit an application for such registration to the City Clerk. Such business registration shall expire annually on the anniversary of the issuance of the certificate. If the holder of the certificate moves or changes the type of business from that stated in the certificate, a new application must be filed. The application shall:

(1) *Form of application.* Be a written statement upon forms provided by the City Clerk; such form shall include an affidavit, to be sworn to by the applicant before a notary public of this state.

(2) *Contents of application.* Require the disclosure of all information necessary to comply with Section (1) above and of any other information which the City Clerk shall find to be reasonably necessary to the fair administration of this chapter.

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- (3) *Payment of fees.* Be accompanied by the full amount of the fees chargeable for such registration.
- (4) *Issuance fee.* Be accompanied by a nonrefundable payment of an issuance fee as established by council resolution.
- (b) *Issuance of receipts.* Whenever a registration cannot be issued at the time the application is made, the City Clerk shall issue a receipt to the applicant for the money paid in advance, subject to the following conditions:
 - (1) *Construction.* Such receipt shall not be construed as the approval of the City Clerk for the issuance of a certificate of registration; nor shall it entitle or authorize the applicant to open or maintain any business contrary to the provisions of this chapter.
 - (2) *Reserved.*
- (c) *Renewal registration procedure; form of application.* The applicant for the renewal of a certificate of registration shall submit an application for such certificate to the City Clerk. Such business registration shall expire on the anniversary of the issuance of the certificate. The application shall be a written statement upon forms provided by the City Clerk; such form shall include an affidavit to be sworn to by the applicant before a notary public of this state.
- (d) *Duplicate registration procedure.* A duplicate certificate of registration or special certificate shall be issued by the City Clerk to replace any certificate previously issued, which has been lost, stolen, defaced or destroyed, without any willful conduct on the part of the certificate holder, upon the filing by the certificate holder of an affidavit sworn to before a notary public of this state attesting to such fact and the paying to the city treasurer a fee as established by council resolution.
- (e) *Compliance pending legal action.* When the issuance of a certificate of registration is denied and any action instituted by the applicant to compel its issuance, such applicant shall not engage in the business for which the certificate was refused unless a certificate be issued to him pursuant to a judgement ordering the same.

Sec. 17-8: Contents of certificate of registration; information required.

Each certificate of registration secured hereunder shall state upon its face the following:

- (1) The name of the holder, the business, and any other name under which such business is to be conducted.
- (2) The kind of business at each location and the address of each business registered.
- (3) The amount of registration fee therefor.
- (4) Such other information as the City Clerk shall determine.

Sec. 17-9: Duties of certificate holders.

- (a) *General standards of conduct.* Every certificate holder under this chapter shall:
 - (1) *Certificate inspection.* Permit all reasonable inspection of his or her business.
 - (2) *Comply with governing law.* Ascertain and at all times comply with all laws and regulations applicable to such registered business.
 - (3) *Operate properly.* Avoid all forbidden, improper, unnecessary practices or conditions which do or may affect the public health, morals, or welfare.
 - (4) *Cease business.* Refrain from operating the registered businesses on the premises after expiration of his or her registration certificate and/or during the period his or her registration is revoked or suspended.
- (b) *Display of certificate.* Every certificate holder under this chapter shall:
 - (1) *Certificates.* Post and maintain such certificate of registration upon the registered premises in a place where it may be seen at all times.
 - (2) *Unlawful possession.* Not loan, sell, give, or assign to any other person, or allow any other person to use or display or to destroy, damage, or remove, or to have in his or her possession, except as authorized by the City Clerk or by law, any certificate of registration which has been issued to the certificate holder.
- (c) *New location desired.* A certificate holder shall have the right to change the location of the registered business provided he or she shall:
 - (1) *Notification of City Clerk.* Notify City Clerk of changes and complete a new registration form, including the change of location.
 - (2) *Inspections.* Inspections as provided for now business.

Sec. 17-10: Transferability of certificate of registration.

This certificate is nontransferable.

See. 17-11: Enforcement.

- (a) *Inspections.*
 - (1) *Persons authorized; officials having duties.* The following persons are

authorized to conduct inspections in the manner prescribed herein: The City Clerk shall have the authority to order the inspection of certificate holders, their businesses and premises, by all city officials having duties to perform with reference to such holders or businesses.

- (2) *Reports by inspectors.* Persons inspecting certificate holders, their businesses, or premises as herein authorized shall report all violations of this chapter or of other laws or ordinances to the City Clerk and shall submit such other reports as the City Clerk shall order.
- (b) *Provisional order.* When an inspector has reported the violation of this chapter or any law or ordinance, the City Clerk shall issue to the affected person a provisional order to comply.
 - (1) *Nature of notice.* The provisional order, and all other notices issued in compliance with this chapter, shall be in writing, shall be personally served and shall apprise the affected or his or her agent or employee. A copy of such notice shall be affixed to some structure on the premises. Depositing such notice in the United States mail shall constitute service thereon.
 - (2) *Period of compliance.* The provisional order shall require compliance within ten (10) days of personal service on the affected person.
 - (3) *Hearing.* Upon written application by the person affected before the expiration of the ten-day period for compliance, the City Clerk shall order a hearing. Notice of such hearing shall be given the affected person in the manner described herein.
 - (c) *Modifying authority of City Clerk.* Upon written application, or on his or her own motion, the City Clerk shall have the authority in a proper case, to extend the time for compliance to grant a new hearing date, and to change, modify or rescind any recommendation or order.
 - (d) *Final order.* Upon the failure or refusal of the violator to comply with the provisional order or with any order made after hearing, the City Clerk shall then declare and make the provisional order final.
 - (1) *Authority of City Clerk.* The City Clerk shall have the authority to suspend or revoke registration upon making and declaring a provisional order final.
 - (2) *Effect of revocation or suspension.* Upon revocation or suspension no refund of any portion of the registration fee shall be made to the certificate holder and he or she shall immediately cease all business at all places under such registration.
 - (e) *Summary action; special hearing.* When the conduct of any certificate holder, agent, or employee is so inimicable to the public health, safety, and general welfare as to constitute a nuisance and thus give rise to an emergency, the City Clerk shall have the authority to summarily order the cessation of business and the close of premises or to suspend or revoke the certificate holder's registration.

Unless waived in writing, within two (2) days after he or she has acted summarily, the City Clerk shall conduct a special hearing for such action in respect to the summary order as may be therein determined. Notice of such hearing shall be given the affected person in the manner prescribed herein.
 - (f) *Right of appeal.* Any person aggrieved by any decision of the City Clerk after hearing shall have the right to appeal to the City Council by filing a written appeal with such officer within fourteen (14) days following the effective date of the action or decision complained of.
 - (1) *Contents of appeal.* Such appeal shall get out a copy of the order or decision appealed from and shall include a statement of the facts relied upon to avoid such order.
 - (2) *Notification of City Clerk.* At the time of filing any such appeal, a copy thereof shall be filed by the appellant with the City Clerk.
 - (3) *Hearing.* The City Council shall fix a time and place for hearing the appeal and shall personally serve a written notice, as provided herein, upon the appellant informing him thereof. The City Council shall also give such notice to the City Clerk and such officer shall be entitled to appear and defend such order.
 - (4) *Effect of decisions.* The findings of the City Council shall be final and conclusive and shall be personally served upon the appellant as required herein.
 - (g) *Liability of violator.*
 - (1) *Unpaid fee constitutes debt.* The amount of any unpaid fee, the payment of which is required hereunder, shall constitute a debt due to the city.
 - (2) *Action by City Attorney.* The City Attorney shall, at the direction of the Mayor or City Council, institute civil suit in the name of the city to recover any such unpaid fee.
 - (3) *Civil Judgment no bar.* No civil judgment, or any act by City Attorney, the City Clerk, or the violator shall bar or prevent a criminal prosecution for each and every violation of this chapter.

17-12: Penalties.

Any person violating, or neglecting or refusing to comply with, any of the pro-

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Mail for soldiers overseas sought

Employees of the Central Dispatch Network (CDN) in Belleville are seeking volunteers to send Christmas cards and letters to soldiers stationed overseas. Letters must be mailed by 5 p.m. Dec. 10 in order for them to arrive before Christmas. Regular postal requirements apply, and First Class, 37-cent stamps must be used for all normal sized cards and letters.

Those who do not have time to send a card but would like to show their support may drop off a box of Christmas cards or some postage stamps at the Central Dispatch office. Those who have a family member or a friend stationed overseas that would like to have their name added to a list of soldiers that will receive cards and letters can drop

off the address at the dispatch office.

Letters sent to the following addresses will be given to soldiers deployed from the armory on Beech Daly Road in Taylor. For soldiers in Iraq, send to Any Soldier, A Company 234th Signal BN, Unit #91449, APO AE09391. For soldiers stationed in Kuwait, send to Any Soldier, 1775 Military Police Company, APO AE 09366, Camp Arifan, Kuwait. For soldiers station in Cuba, send to Any Soldier, HQ 177th MPBDE, APO AE 09360, JTF GTMO.

The CDN office is located at the Belleville Police Department, located at 6 Main St. inside Belleville City Hall. For more information contact Sue Dufresne at (734) 941-9103.

CITY OF ROMULUS REQUEST TO RECEIVE BIDS BID 03/04-26

PORTABLE MAINLINE SEWER INSPECTION SYSTEM

The City of Romulus, Michigan is seeking bids from qualified vendors for the above item.

- (1) Qualified individuals and firms wishing to submit bids must do so on forms provided by the City. Bid forms and specifications may be obtained from Lynn A. Conway, Purchasing Coordinator, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan, by calling (734) 955-4568 or by Emailing: romuluspurchasing@icwww.net
- (2) Bids must be submitted in sealed envelopes and returned to the City Clerk's Office no later than 2:00pm, Tuesday, December 2, 2003. At that time said bids would be publicly opened and read.

BID ENVELOPES MUST BE ADDRESSED:

CITY OF ROMULUS CLERK'S OFFICE
BID 03/04-26 - PORTABLE MAINLINE SEWER INSPECTION SYSTEM
11111 Wayne Road,
Romulus, Michigan

- (3) The right is reserved to reject any and all bids and proposals and to waive technicalities.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD OF TRUSTEES PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Van Buren Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing in the Board of Trustees Room, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, County of Wayne, Michigan, 48111 on Tuesday December 2, 2003 at 7:30 p.m. to consider Special Use approval for a Tim Horton's drive thru on the following described property:

This Public Hearing relates to approximately .79 acres, parcel numbers V125-83-064-99-0005-715.

A map indicating the location of the subject site is included below.



This property is located on Belleville Road on the Wal-Mart Outlet north of Applebee's Restaurant.

Written comments will be accepted at the Department of Developmental Services until 5:00 p.m. on the hearing date.

In the spirit of compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals with a disability should feel free to contact the Department of Developmental Services, at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the meeting, if requesting accommodations.

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Charter Township of Van Buren

Notice of Public Hearing

December 2, 2003

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a public hearing will be held by the Van Buren Charter Township, Board of Trustees at 7:30 p.m. December 2, 2003, at Township Hall, Board of Trustees Room, 46425 Tyler Rd, Belleville, MI 48111.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the purpose of the public hearing is to hear and consider public comments and discuss reprogramming of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds related to Senior Services, Senior Activity Garden totaling \$93,867.00. These funds were originally approved for ADA compliance in regard to the construction of a portion of a Greenways Pedestrian Trail. This project was recently ruled ineligible for funding by the Department of Housing and Development (HUD). These funds will be reprogrammed into Senior Services for the construction of the Quirk Park Senior Activity Garden.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the document may be examined at the Developmental Services Department within the Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road, Belleville, MI 48111 during regular office hours until the date of the Public Hearing. Written comments may be sent to the above address.

Joannie D. Payne,
CMC, Township Clerk

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CITY OF ROMULUS REQUEST TO RECEIVE BIDS BID 03/04-25

TWO (2) VEHICLES FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT

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- (2) Bids must be submitted in sealed envelopes and returned to the City Clerk's Office no later than 2:00pm, Tuesday, December 2, 2003. At that time said bids would be publicly opened and read.

BID ENVELOPES MUST BE ADDRESSED:

CITY OF ROMULUS CLERK'S OFFICE
BID 03/04-25 - TWO (2) VEHICLES FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT
11111 Wayne Road,
Romulus, Michigan

- (3) The right is reserved to reject any and all bids and proposals and to waive technicalities.

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visions of this chapter shall, upon conviction thereof be deemed guilty of a civil infraction and shall be by imposition of a fine not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00), enforced by a fine schedule to be set by City Council resolution. Each subsequent offense in a calendar year shall be punishable by increasing fines, the maximum of which will be five hundred dollars (\$500.00). Each day that a violation is permitted to exist shall constitute a separate offense.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Ordinance as passed by the City Council of the City of Romulus at a regular Council Meeting held in the City Council Chamber in said City of the 3rd day of November, 2003.

Linda Choate, City Clerk

Attest:
Alan R. Lambert, Mayor

Within forty five (45) days after publication of any ordinance duly passed by the Council, a petition may be presented to the Council protesting against such ordinance continuing in effect. Said petition shall contain the text of such ordinance and shall be signed by not less than six percent (6%) of the registered electors registered at the last preceding election at which a Mayor of the City was elected. Said Ordinance shall thereupon and thereby be suspended from and the Council shall immediately reconsider such ordinance.

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Adopted: November 3, 2003
Published: November 20, 2003

OPINION

Misinformation is formidable opponent

To wait, or not to wait?

That's the first question officials in the City of Northville wanted to address as they restarted their plans to provide for parking expansion in downtown Northville.

On the one hand, they didn't want to seem too eager. They didn't want the residents who so recently defeated a bond issue for a proposed parking plan to think they were immediately devising a different way to sell the same idea.

On the other hand, they didn't want to wait too long; they wanted to gather input about any proposed changes while the feelings from the election were still fresh in the minds of critics.

The Dec. 8 meeting scheduled to solicit input strikes a good balance between the sides; the election is still relatively recent, officials get a chance to review their own decisions and the memory of the whole thing hasn't been blunted by a typically rushed holiday season.

City leaders and members of the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) have another line they must walk without crossing, however, and it may prove to be a more difficult form of politicking. They also don't want to react too strongly, or give the impression that they are reacting vengefully after the defeat of their proposal.

It'd be an easy thing to do. Virtually every day they get more input from residents who say they were misinformed by those circulating the petitions to have the issue placed on the November ballot. Some of those residents were told a variety of falsehoods about the height of the deck, that it would require a charge for admittance, be paid for through tax increases – virtually anything that would cause concern for residents in order to push the right buttons and turn them against the plan. Flyers were sent out depicting airplanes landing on it. Signs – even in downtown businesses – urged people to vote down “the monster deck.”

Now development on the corner of Wing and Main street – one site for a proposed parking deck – will go forward, and business owners there are already talking about cordoning off their portions of the lot to show the impact the developments would have. This would have two purposes: it protects the portion of the lot they own, and the spots they provide for their customers, and it says something to the residents who voted down the plan.

I told you so.

It must be a frustrating thing to see the result of more than 18 months of decision-making turned aside by voters by such a wide margin. That frustration is probably compounded by the belief that the plan was a good one, one that wouldn't cost residents anything, and that it was defeated by a misinformation campaign.

But the best way to make sure that doesn't happen again is by pointing out the mistakes or blaming others. The best way is to work with everyone to make sure those mistakes don't happen again.

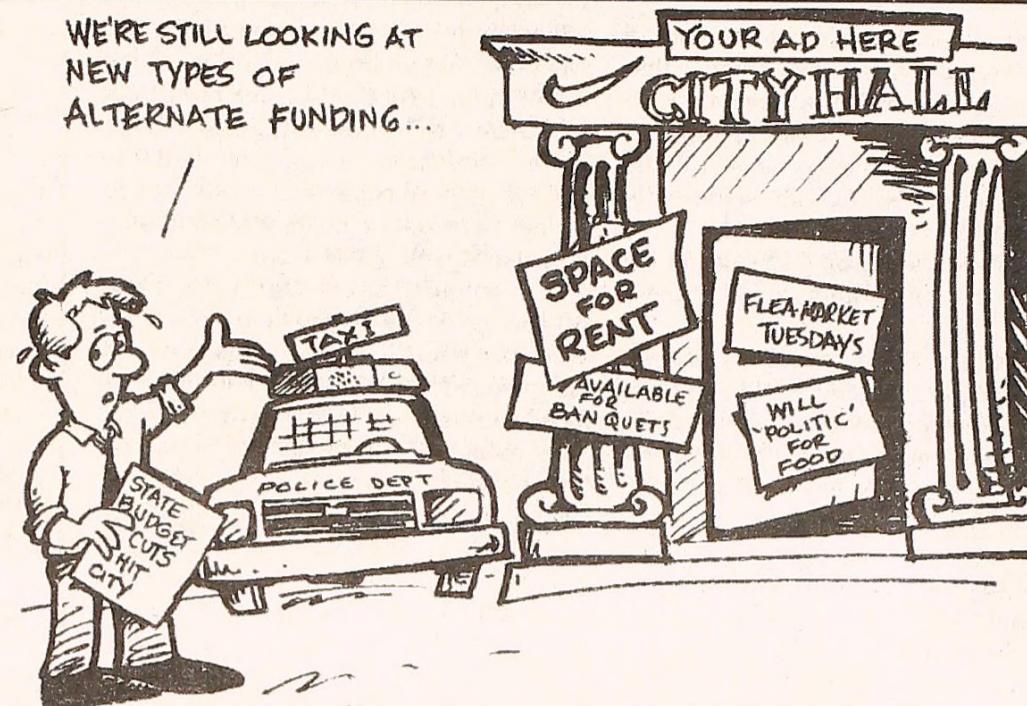
On the right track

Usually, when any organization attempts to increase voter turnout, they use phrases like “civic duty,” or “inalienable rights.” They often market the election, whether it's for a particular legislator or local, regional or state-wide ballot proposal, as an opportunity to weigh in on the future of the community.

There is no place that they may be more true, perhaps, than in the City of Romulus this year. Voters there will be asked on Dec. 2 to approve or reject two initiatives – one of which would allow a Native

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WE'RE STILL LOOKING AT
NEW TYPES OF
ALTERNATE FUNDING...



Give the good guys a break

The Plymouth Goodfellows will be decidedly less visible when they take to the streets for their annual paper sales on the first Saturday in December.

That's because they won't be able to actually take to the streets. City officials made the decision earlier this year to not allow them to stand in intersections, where they had been a holiday tradition, citing safety concerns and statewide statutes prohibiting solicitations in the street.

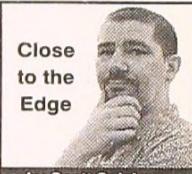
Well, that's what they said. What they meant is that there are too many liability concerns. They're afraid of lawsuits.

In a way it's understandable. Plymouth has been subjected to a variety of well-publicized lawsuits of questionable validity during the recent years. Who needs another one?

But come on, this is a staple of the holidays, a group of men and women willing to wear brightly colored vests and stand between the lanes in intersections to gather donations from drivers. It's hard not to reflect on the spirit of the holidays when you see them, bundled against the chill, cheeks red and breath misting, as they hold their papers aloft and try to get money for a good cause. It's easier for drivers to empty out the spare change they keep in cup holders while they're paused for a light than it is for them to park on a busy street and find someone standing in front of a store.

Many store owners, by the way, aren't all that fond of having people stand in front of their doorways with an expectant smile on their faces. They may think it would dissuade shoppers from spending

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money inside.

The Goodfellows will still be out, though. They'll still be looking for other ways to raise their funds and make sure no child goes without a Christmas.

I guess the thing that bothers me more is the apparent double standard it illustrates on the part of local elected officials. They're always crying about how they want more local control. They think they are better able to set the standards for their communities than some legislators in Lansing. Yet, when it comes to something they don't want to deal with, they always fall back on the state-wide standards and statutes.

There's nothing we can do about it, they say. It's the state's rule, not ours.

Well, sure there's something they can do about it. Make sure the group is insured, put

together a hold harmless agreement, if necessary, and for once forget the world is run by lawyers who prey on people trying to make an easy buck because of the consequences of their own decisions.

In Plymouth, particularly, where Goodfellows volunteers typically stood at the intersections of Ann Arbor Trail and Main, Ann Arbor Trail and Penimian, and on Harvey Street intersections – busy roads, but not necessarily unsafe ones – they should be allowed to carry on their tradition.

It wouldn't hurt to allow them to continue that practice, and it wouldn't hurt drivers during the holiday to slow down and remember the reason for the season.

LETTERS

Councilman clears the air

To the editor:

Regarding the 11/13/03 editorial, I'm writing to offer you and your newspaper an apology. Although my understanding was that certain verbiage was off the record during the evening of Nov. 4, it doesn't excuse the intent of my comments and my feelings at that time.

When I said that I would not continue speaking unless we were off the record, your response was, “I've dropped my pencil.” And while I do not recall saying I was, “pissed off,” I won't deny that I might have used that derogatory expression during the, “off the record,” portion of our conversation.

The Journal news article that followed the election (11/06/03) was complimentary toward me and for that I'm thankful. If certain bias were to exist,

surely it would have been displayed in the Nov. 6 article. Since bias was absent from your writings, I'll choose to believe I (unfortunately) tried to make a mountain of a molehill.

Please accept my apology for making such an inappropriate commentary. I truly regret the ill will it has caused and will refrain from making such comments in the future.

Richard LeBlanc.
Westland City Council

Officers urge seatbelt use

To the editor:

It seems like every week there is a new story about teenagers dying in traffic crashes. More than 5,000 teens, ages 16-20, die every year in traffic

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American tribe to come into the community and develop a casino, and another that would allow Magna Entertainment, Inc., a division of the large automotive supplier Magna International, to construct a large scale project that begins with the development of a racetrack and clubhouse.

We believe both projects are good for the community, and voters should endorse them.

The racetrack proposed by Magna Entertainment has been a widely publicized development. Much of the publicity has centered around the racetrack portion of the development, though, and as representatives from the global firm are quick to point out, that is only a portion of what they want to construct on the 200-acre site.

It's true that it will be the first phase of the development, but it will also include a research and development component that will ultimately house the headquarters for Magna International. It's that portion of the program that appeals to us; it's a defined use with a defined user.

The later portions of the development, which include a mixed-use retail and commercial component, a movie theater, will also be a boon to the community. Even though that portion of the project will appear a few years down the road, we believe the company is committed to providing it; the race track is proposed for the back end of the site, which leads the more prime property open for the second phase of the project. Until the second phase of the project is complete, the race track will still be a huge attraction – with its planned entertainment component, it will prove to be far more than a simple racetrack. It will

be a destination for diners, concertgoers and corporations in need of convention space.

Magna Entertainment has already shown a commitment to the project, and the community. They've spent nearly \$30 million on the proposal already, including the \$28 million for the land and more than \$1 million in engineering fees. They intend to make the project a profitable one for years to come, and residents will benefit from that in the form of additional jobs and, hopefully, lower taxes.

The proposed casino isn't on the same time frame as the proposed Magna development. Officials haven't purchased the land and federal legislation is required to move the project forward. When it happens, though, it will still have an impact on the community. It won't, as some critics suggest, generate additional gamblers or suddenly turn residents to the dark side. It will merely provide an alternative for those who already visit casinos in Detroit or across the border, and it will help bring revenue into the community, as well.

Developers of both project say that they will spark additional investments nearby in the form of more restaurants, shopping plazas and the like. We're a little less convinced of that – they both would offer visitors a place to dine and would tend to be more profitable if they stay within their developments, rather than take their dollars elsewhere. Even so, the casino and Magna development will give city officials something they've long sought – an identity for their community outside Detroit Metro Airport.

As long as city officials make good on their promise to use the revenue for additional community features, it makes sense for residents to approve both projects. Vote yes for the racetrack and casino on Dec. 2.

Letters

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crashes, and thousands more are injured. More than half of all teens who die in crashes are not wearing their safety belts, and belt use for teens and young adults continues to lag behind the rest of the population.

So, how do we get young people to buckle up when they think they are invincible? It's simple: surround them with the strong message, "Buckle Up or Pay Up: Click it or Ticket." If you won't buckle up to save your life, then buckle up to save yourself a ticket and back it up with a strong enforcement push.

This is exactly what is going to happen this Thanksgiving holiday as the Click it Or Ticket mobilization delivers the message

throughout television and radio ads and through heightened enforcement throughout the state. The Plymouth Township Police Department will be saturating the township using special enforcement activities, watching for drivers who are not wearing their safety belts.

By buckling up their safety belts, teens could save more than just money from hefty fines. They could save lives.

Sgt. Steven Rapson,
Sgt. Jon Brothers,
Plymouth Township
Police Department

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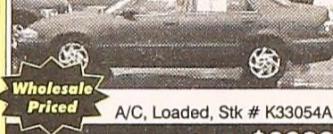
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ence, risk-taking and low safety belt use," Miller added. "These tragedies are predictable and therefore preventable, using proven techniques like high visibility enforcement mobilizations."

Sgt. Steve Rapson of the Plymouth Township Police Department said the effort will help educate teens and save them money, as well as make them safer drivers.

"By buckling up their safety belts, teens could save more than just money from hefty fines," he said. "They could save their lives."

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Lt. Tom Miller of the Wayne Police Department said the effort on the streets would be bolstered by ads on television and radio, as well.

"It will be supported by state and national advertising targeted at young drivers in addition to highly visible enforcement," he said. "The only proven way to get significant increases in safety belt use among young people and to ultimately save lives is through a high visibility enforcement."

"Teens and young drivers are killed at far higher rates in crashes because they are caught in the lethal intersection of inexperi-

The only proven way to get significant increases in safety belt use among young people and to ultimately save lives is through a high visibility enforcement.

Theresa Wherrett
Staff Writer

Police departments throughout the State of Michigan will work together to help ensure the safety of motorists during the next two weeks.

They initiated a 'click it or ticket' campaign Monday that continues until Nov. 28.

The enforcement areas will run from 2 until 6 p.m. and will be conducted in areas around Westland that are high crash and low safety belt use areas, said Sgt. Daniel Kerrick of the Westland Police Department. Special portable "safety belt enforcement zone" signs will alert motorists that they are entering an enforcement area. One officer will serve as a spotter who will radio unbelted motorist information to nearby marked patrol vehicles that will pull over unbuckled motorists, according to Kerrick.

This safety belt enforcement is part of the Michigan "click it or

ticket" campaign that was adopted in 2000. According to the Michigan State Police, 1,279 people were killed in Michigan car crashes during 2002. Another 112,484 were injured. Forty percent of those killed were not wearing safety belts. The State Police estimate that 60 percent of those killed could have been saved had they been wearing safety belts. Saving 60 percent of the 1,279 killed means that 767 people could have been alive today.

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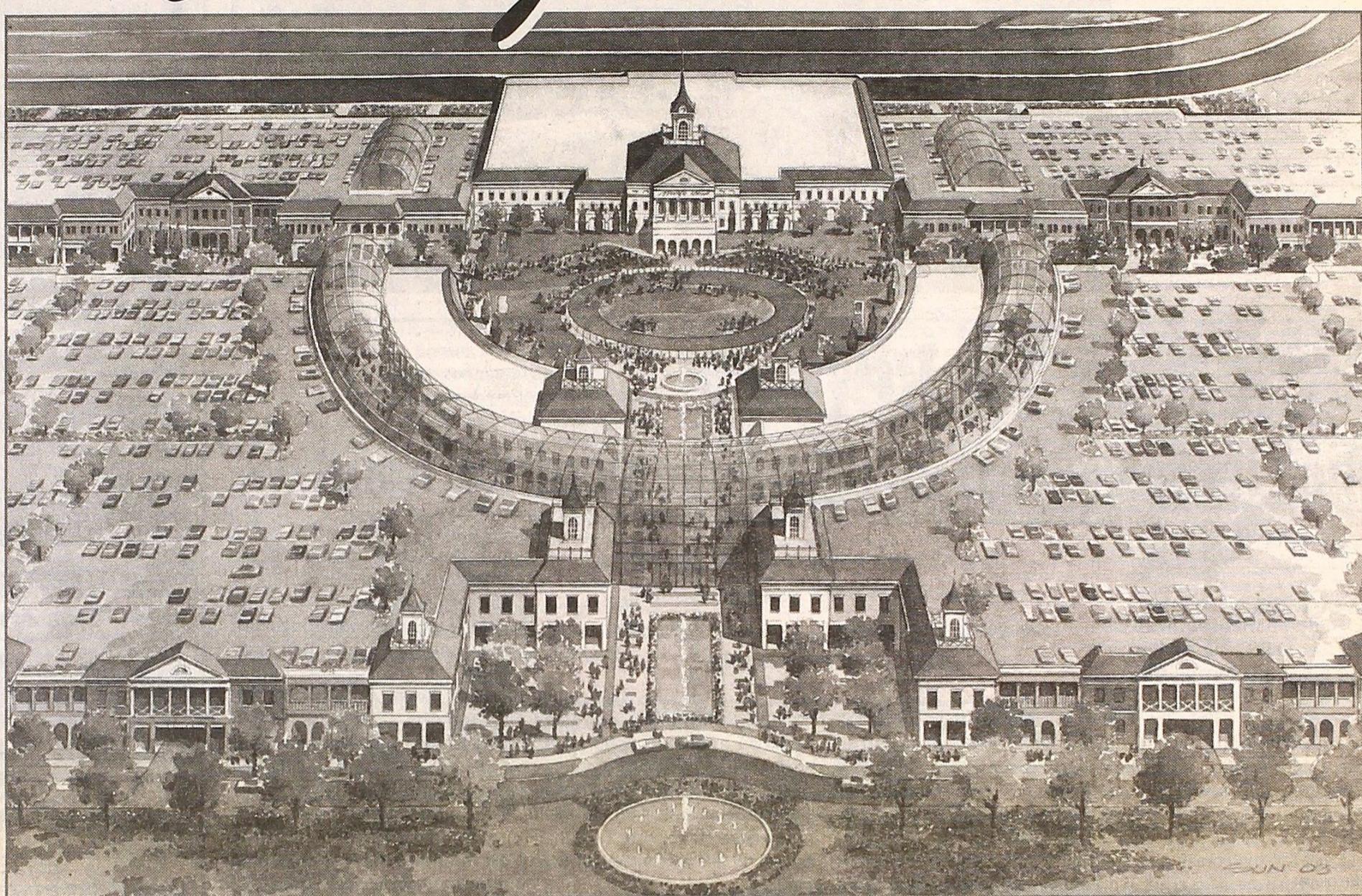
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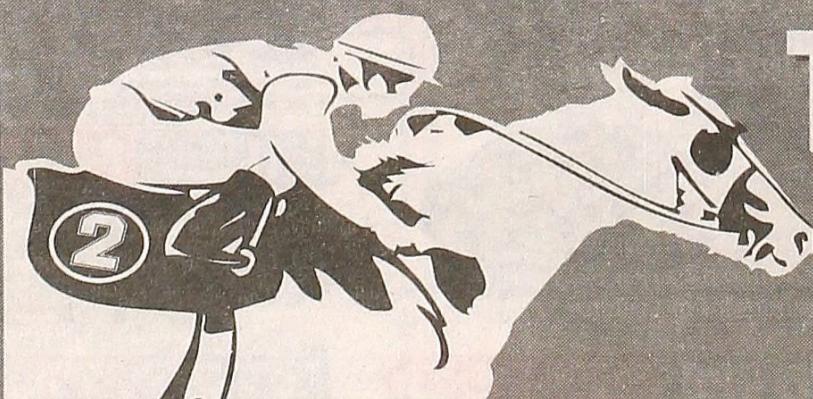
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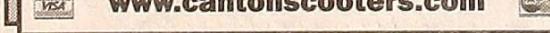
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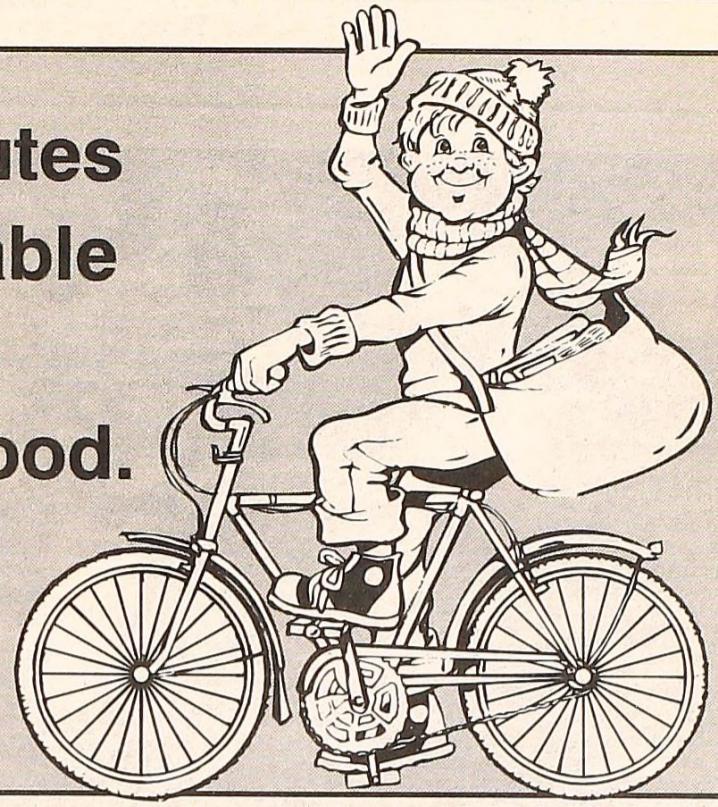
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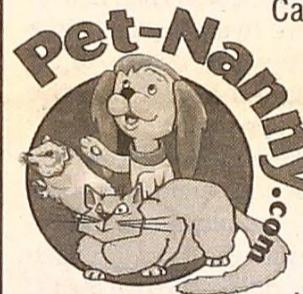
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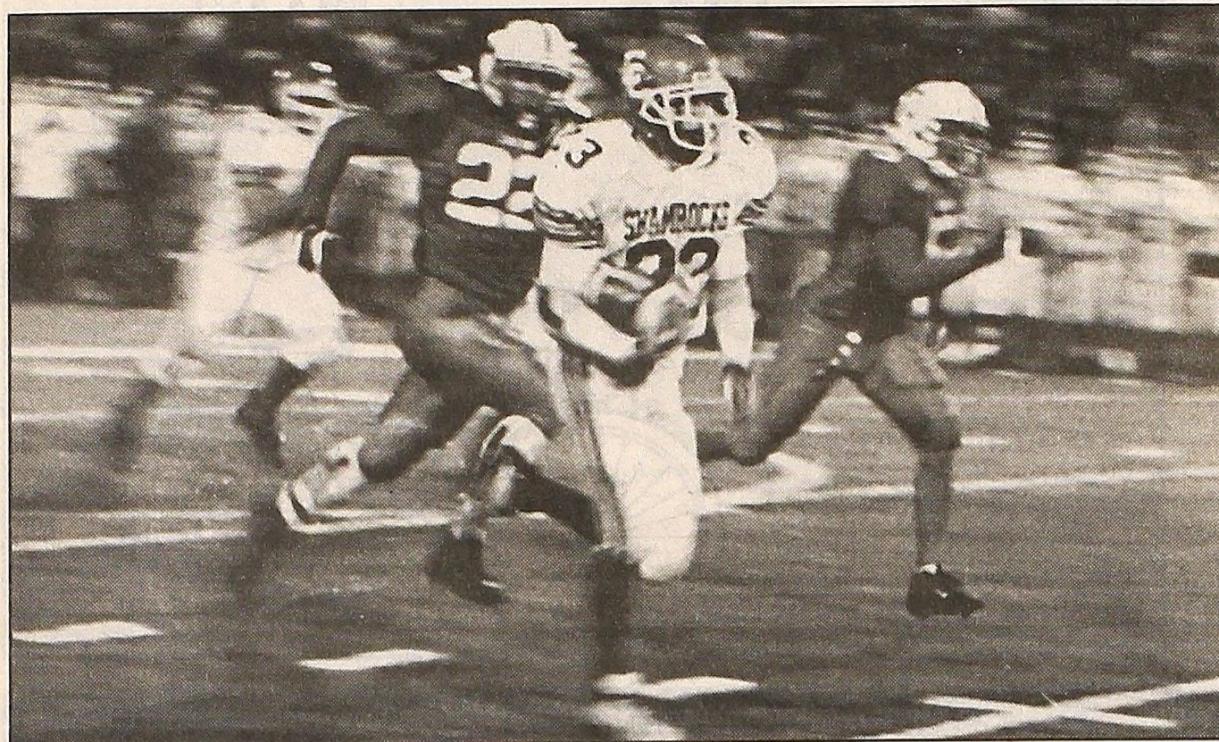
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SPORTS



Catholic Central's Derek Brooks flies by defenders in a 38-7 victory over the Canton Chiefs last Friday night.

Chiefs playoff run ends, lose 38-7

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

After surviving a whirlwind season, the Canton Chiefs landed on the yellow brick road that led to the Emerald City – well, the Pontiac Silverdome anyway – for a chance at a state championship.

After defeating tough opponents like Wayne and John Glenn in the first two rounds of the playoffs, the Chiefs somehow stumbled off the beaten path and found themselves in the nightmare world ruled by Redford Catholic Central, who is far from being a munchkin team.

There, everything that went right for Canton during their undefeated regular season went oddly wrong. The overpowering giants on Catholic Central's defense thwarted their normally explosive offense and the Chiefs' vastly improved defense was mauled by the efforts of CC's explosive tailback Derek Brooks.

When all was done CC thrashed Canton for 346 yards of offense on the ground and ended their dreams of a state championship for this year with a 38-7

wallop.

Things were different from the get go in Canton-land on that fateful Friday night a week ago. The blue and white flags were noticeable on entering the parking lot of the Canton High School – they were flying high above a parked RV where dozens of CC fans tailgated like it was the Super Bowl pre-party.

More CC fans filled up the visitors' bleachers including their own band that played relentlessly every time CC scored, which was just as ruthless. When the CC team entered the stadium it was like a replay of the lunar eclipse two weeks ago but it was the giant CC linemen that blotted out the moon, a sign somehow that the universe flip-flopped and Canton appeared to be the underdog for the first time this year.

The eventual loss was evident on the first drive when the normally conservative Canton coach Tim Baechler decided to go for it on fourth-and-one from their 41-yard line.

Canton quarterback Shawn Little fumbled the snap and CC recovered. At that moment the

tide changed and it dragged the hopes of a Canton victory with it. Seven plays later Brooks smashed his way through the Canton defense to put his team on the board. The extra point was good for a 7-0 lead.

On Canton's second possession they went for it again on fourth-and-seventeen on CC's 30-yard line and failed. Catholic Central regained possession and marched down field to score in the first four seconds of the second quarter. The touchdown was set up by a 49-yard sprint by Brooks to Canton's 1-yard line, where Eric Vojtikovsky punched it in for a score. The extra point was nailed for a 14-0 CC lead.

Later in the second, Canton's normally sure-handed tailback, Travis McKinney, fumbled the ball, which set up a field goal to put CC up 17-0 with 3:15 left in the first half.

Canton trudged forward with a heart only the Tin Man from the Wizard of Oz could be proud of and Julian Smith punched it in from the 3-yard line. Dutch Morrell booted the extra point to

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Rocks win conference

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Thirty-two minutes, 10 girls, four quarters and two teams...only one championship.

Two of the Western Lakes Activities Association (WLAA) top teams, Canton and Salem, battled each other for the conference championship last Wednesday night. The giant Salem Rocks' team showed up in top form while the Canton Chiefs, undefeated in conference play, never found their rhythm during the contest that resulted in a 41-28 Salem victory.

"Salem played a little harder, a little smarter and executed better," said Canton Coach Bob

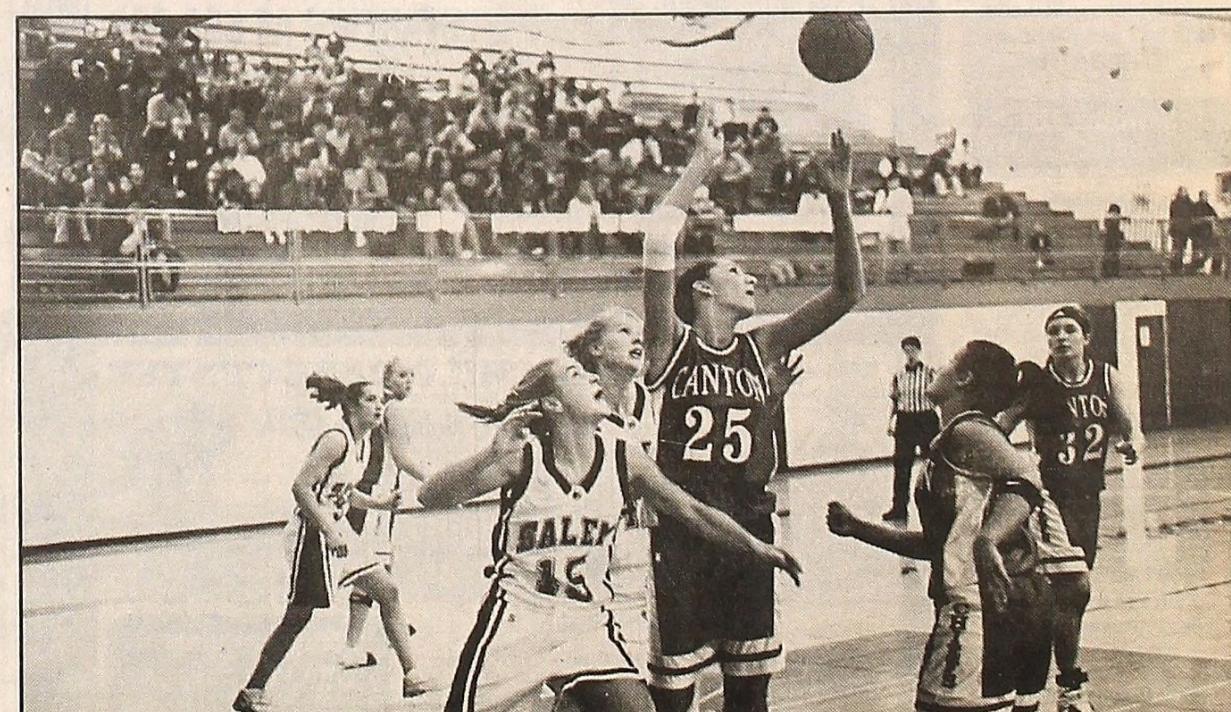
Blohm. "We couldn't balance our attack. We couldn't get our offense going. Overall, we could have worked a little harder."

"Salem just played better and deserved to win."

Salem's defense dominated the game and held one of Canton's top scorers, junior center Katie Cezat, to just eight points. The Rocks managed to keep two players on her at all times and the Chiefs couldn't feed her the ball as usual, forcing them to rely on senior guard Rachele Guastella's outside shooting.

She led the Chiefs with 15 points, which included a three-

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The Canton Chiefs' Katie Cezat, No. 25, fights for a rebound in the WLAA conference Championship Game against the Salem Rocks.

Romulus wins in thrilling game

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Practicing for weeks on end – painstaking. Playing a 20-game season – exhausting. Finishing the season with an 18-2 overall record – outstanding. Winning the Mega Division White Championship – immeasurable.

When Romulus coach Rhonda McAllister and the Lady Eagles took to the court last Thursday night against Dearborn for the division championship, they knew it would be a battle to the end.

And it was.

Down by five points at the half and down by eight late in the third, the Eagles fought their way back to edge out the Pioneers 64-58 in a spectacular victory.

Senior starting center and co-captain Alicia Harbor led in the second-half, rally with 20 points and eight rebounds.

"In one of our timeouts in the second half, Alicia (Harbor) told

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Eagles top Zebras, 53-41

After a thrilling division championship victory last Thursday, the Eagles went on to Wayne Memorial and beat the Zebras 53-41 in the first round of district playoffs on Monday night.

It was a closer game than the score indicated.

Romulus led the first quarter with a 7-4 lead but Wayne fought valiantly and outscored the Eagles 18-15 in the second to end the first half tied at 22.

Romulus got in their groove in the second half and outscored Wayne 16-9 in the third quarter for a 38-31 lead and continued to outscore

them in the fourth 15-10 to take home the victory.

Erika Mims led the Eagles with 16 points, Armstrong hit for 15 and Ashley Sibby nailed 13 points in the playoff game. Price led the Zebras with 21 points on the night.

Unfortunately, the Zebras lost more than a district playoff game Monday night. Wayne coach Dan Kaminski announced to the team that he was retiring from coaching the girls' varsity team.

"They're a great group of girls. I wouldn't trade them for any team," he said. "This is the way we thought they would play all season."

Chiefs - Canton is overpowered in regional match up against Catholic Central

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cut into CC's lead 17-7. A 78-yard screen pass from Little to McKinney set up the touchdown.

It would have been a respectable showing if the game ended then. Canton had the momentum going into halftime but that didn't foil CC - or Brooks

- who opened the second half with a 98-yard kickoff return to put CC up 24-7. Canton never regained their composure after that.

"I didn't expect to get manhandled up front like that," Baechler said.

"I knew there was a size difference, especially with our

defensive line. But we've made plays all year - they just pushed us around."

Canton's defense allowed Brooks 99 yards on 11 carries and their offense headed by McKinney, Devin Thomas and Chuck Schumacher only gained 104 yards with 72 of them coming on their final drive.

But, the real stinger was the second-half kickoff return by CC.

"The return was a backbreaker," Baechler said. "The kids were confident coming out of the locker room at half time and that just hurt us."

"We made some mental mistakes but we're learning and that makes us a better team. We're

getting better."

Reality hit when Baechler's son ran up to him after the game, teary-eyed, and wrapped his arms around his leg.

"It'll be okay buddy," Baechler said to his son. "We'll get them next year."

Nobody should be surprised if they do.

Rocks

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pointer to pull Canton to within two, but Salem's junior guard Alyssa Guerin answered with a nice jumper for three to extend their lead to 15-10 at the end of the first half.

The Chiefs kept it within four points through most of the third quarter until the final three minutes, where Salem knocked down eight points to the Canton's three. Salem held Canton to just five total points in the third quarter. Two came off of an inside shot from Cezat in the first minute of the third and the other three

*This time we couldn't contain those two.
You can't let those two go off on you.*

Coach Bob Blohm

were made by Guastella on an outside shot. Everything in between just wouldn't go in the basket for the Chiefs. Canton had several nice shots but the ball bounced around the rim like a lone kernel of corn in an air popper and fell to the wayside, or rather, into the hands of Salem players.

On the other side of the court Salem couldn't miss with a basket that was like a black hole

sucking in everything thrown its way especially in the fourth quarter where the Rocks posted 17 points to put the game away 41-28.

Guerin shot 11-for-13 from the free-throw line and finished the night with 20 points to lead the Rocks. Junior guard Ellen Canale notched 14 and freshman forward Theresa Cappiellie nabbed 10 rebounds for the Rocks.

of districts this week, that Canton will have a chance to face Guerin, Canale and the rest of the Rocks for a rematch in the district championship game.

Districts, hosted by South Lyon, started this week and both Salem and Canton drew byes for the first round on Monday night. Canton played South Lyon and Salem played Northville on Wednesday night but the results were not available for this edition.

"This time we couldn't contain those two," he said. "You can't let those two go off on you."

There's a chance, if both teams play well in the first round

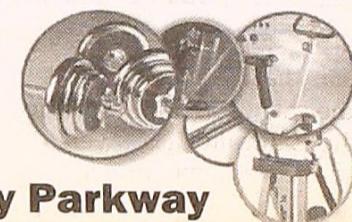
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Romulus

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Hamood dominated for most of the game and led her side of the court with 36 points

To start the second half Ashley Sibby nailed six of her 11 points in the first two minutes of the

third quarter to pull Romulus to within one at 35-34. Dearborn managed to inch ahead again but it was a combination of Armstrong and Harbor that tied the game at 48 with 10 seconds left in the third. Hamood hit 1-2 from the free throw line in the final seconds of the third to put Dearborn up 49-48 to start the

fourth quarter.

With four minutes left in the game and the score tied at 54, senior Erika Mims hit for three to put the Eagles up 57-54. Romulus dominated the rest of the game and put it away 64-58.

"We knew that if we could keep it close on our court we wouldn't lose," McAllister said.

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**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL
HELD NOVEMBER 3, 2003 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER
ROMULUS CITY HALL, 11111 S. WAYNE ROAD,
ROMULUS, MICHIGAN 48174.**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro-Tem Randolph Gear.

Present: LeRoy Burcroff, William A. Crova, Randolph Gear, Charles Miller, Michael Prybyla, Debbie Romak, William Wadsworth.

Absent: None.

Administrative Officials in Attendance: Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk

- Motion by Romak, supported by Burcroff to approve the agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

03-451

- Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Prybyla to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held October 27, 2003, with the following change of word in resolution 03-439 "Clarification of Issue", to state a market analysis not survey.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Abstain: Gear. Motion Carried.

3A. None.

03-452

- Motion by Burcroff, supported by Crova to adopt a Memorial Resolution for the Family of Anthony Hoffman, Jr.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

03-453

- Motion by Romak, supported by Burcroff to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Lenard Stewart.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

- Motion by Burcroff, supported by Crova to accept the Chairman's Report.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

03-454

- Motion by Crova, supported by Burcroff to introduce Budget Amendment 03/04-18.

FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
Department of Public Safety			

Expenditures:

101-3110-731.80-11 Capital Outlay - LLEBG	28,857	22,573	51,430
Revenues:			

101-3110-513.52-13 2003 LLEBG	0	22,573	22,573
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To recognize revenues and expenditures for the 2003 Local Law Enforcement Block Grant awarded to the City from the U.S. Department of Justice.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

03-455

- Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Romak to introduce Budget Amendment 03/04-19.

FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDED	AMENDED BUDGET
Water and Sewer				

Expenditures:

592-4520-745.77-39 Water-Machinery & Equipment	12,000.00	87,276.75	99,276.75
Water & Sewer			

Retained Earnings	Available	Appropriate	Balance
Undesignated	4,542,443.00	(87,276.75)	4,455,166.25

To appropriate additional funds for the balance of the cost associated with the development of a sanitary sewer master plan contracted with Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment that was not encumbered from the FY02/03 budget.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - Crova. Motion Carried.

03-456

- Motion by Prybyla, supported by Burcroff to concur with the recommendation of

City Assessor, Julie Albert and authorize the conveyance of the city's interest in property known as Lot 31, Jones Suburban Subdivision, Liber 69, Page 83, Parcel #010031000 to Barbara Fowler in the amount of \$205.00.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

03-457

5D. Motion by Romak, supported by Burcroff to concur with the recommendation of City Assessor, Julie Albert and authorize the conveyance of Parcel #08199 0009 000 to the County of Wayne in the amount of \$205.00

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

03-458

5E. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff to concur with the recommendation of Public Safety Director, Charles Kirby and Purchasing Coordinator Lynn Conway to award Bid 03/04-19 Two (2) PD Fleet Vehicles to the two lowest bidders, North Brothers Ford, for Vehicle #1 in the amount of \$25,560.00 and Signature Ford, for Vehicle #2 in the amount of \$21,776.00.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - Crova. Motion Carried Unanimously.

03-459

5F. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Romak to authorize Dows Equipment to relocate the hydraulic operation controls for the Rotary Vehicle Lift at the Department of Public Works at a cost of \$3,800.00

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

03-460

5G. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff to authorize the emergency expenditure to replace the damaged roof at the Romulus Recreation Department with MW Morss Roofing, Inc., at a cost of \$9,990.00.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

03-461

5H. Motion by Crova, supported by Prybyla to authorize the Mayor to enter into the letter of agreement with Wayne County for the use of its Downriver Sewer Simulation Model.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

03-462

6A1. Motion by Burcroff supported by Crova to approve second reading and final adoption Chapter 17, General Business Registration Ordinance introduced at the Council meeting held October 13, 2003.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - Miller and Romak. Motion Carried.

03-463

6A2. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff to approve second reading and final adoption of Budget Amendment 03/03-17 to allocate revenues and offsetting expenditures through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for projects approved under the Community Development Block Grants programs that are carry overs from FY02/03.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

03-464

6A3. Motion by Crova, supported by Wadsworth pursuant to the provisions of the Uniform Traffic Code for cities, townships and villages, Act 62 of the Public Acts of 1956, State of Michigan, as amended; and adopt the following traffic control orders:

- All north and southbound traffic on Meadow shall stop at Willow Street.
- Away stop at the intersection of Meadow and Leroy Street.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

03-465

6A4. Motion by Romak, supported by Prybyla, pursuant to Demolition List 03-02 to concur with the recommendation of the Construction Board of Appeals and order the demolition of Structures and removal of all debris including wild vegetation, brush and overgrowth as follows:

- 35775 Goddard, (one story commercial building)
- Hunt Street, DP#020 010290 000, (trailer)*** *DELETED***
- 14566 Inkster, (single family residence with attached garage)
- 7174 Middlebelt, 9single family residence & garage)
- 7445 Middlebelt, (single family residence & 3 accessory structures)

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Coleman heads to Michigan

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Romulus high basketball star center Ron Coleman signed a national letter of intent last week to play for the University of Michigan.

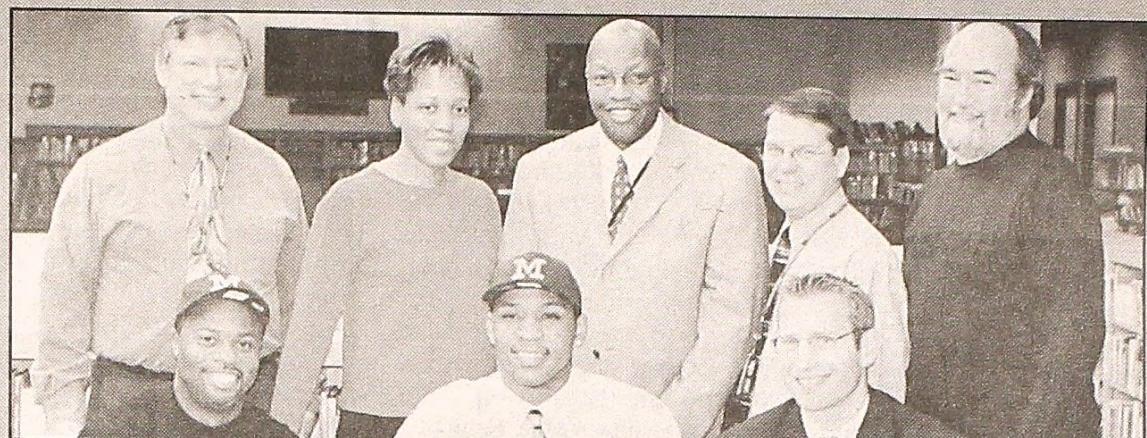
Coleman signed the letter last Wednesday, which was the deadline for early signing for high school athletes headed to universities in the fall.

The all-state player said he is looking forward to playing for

Michigan and he has wanted to ever since NBA star Chris Weber played for the university.

Coleman already has a good rapport with some of the Michigan players. He played with Michigan sophomore Lester Abram, from Pontiac, on an AAU team last summer.

"I initially intended to go to U of M since my sophomore year of high school," Coleman said. "I plan to work hard and do whatever the coach asks of me and help U of M win games the best I can."



Ron Coleman, center, signed a national letter of intent to play basketball for the University of Michigan. He is flanked by his uncle Jeffrey Robertson, left, and Romulus Head Coach Nate Oats, right. In the second row, from left, are: Romulus Assistant Principle Doug Hoffman, Coleman's aunt Jennifer Robertson, Romulus Athletic Director Jesse Meriweather, Romulus Assistant Principle Don Foley and Romulus Curriculum Director Tom Dolan.

Good-bye Robichaud, hello Syracuse

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Mary Riley took a step closer to her dream of playing in the Women's National Basketball Association (WNBA) with the signing of a national letter of intent to play at the University of Syracuse last week.

"It's Robichaud's loss and Syracuse's gain," said Robichaud principal Pam Harris.

That was the general feeling last Wednesday when the Dearborn Heights Robichaud star signed the letter for Syracuse, where she received a four-year scholarship.

Robichaud coach Warren Woods beamed like a proud parent during the brief ceremony.

"Mary is a good person and good things happen to good people," he said. "I'm proud to be her coach. I think that she's going to be a great college player. She's a great all-around player. She can score, she passes, she has great fundamentals and can play defense."

"Beyond the game she is a great person," he added. "Syracuse is lucky to have her - someone like Mary Riley only comes around once in a while."

The announcement came as a surprise after she had verbally committed to Texas Christian University in the previous week. Following the verbal commitment, she flew out to Syracuse to visit the school and the program.

"I just liked the program and the coaches," Riley said at the signing. "I should be able to start right away and it's a lot closer to home."

Proximity and education were always considerations in the decision, according to her mother, Beverly Riley.

"I told her education comes first and basketball second," she said. "I want her to

have something to fall back on."

Riley said she would study education at Syracuse so she can coach some day, - after the WNBA, of course.

"I couldn't have asked for a better daughter," Beverly Riley said. "I'm glad that she is going to get what she has worked so hard for."

Education and dreams of basketball stardom are great but, most importantly, she wanted to make her father proud.

"She always told her father that she wanted to go to school to play ball and get her education," Beverly Riley said. "And now she is."

On the day before Riley signed, Beverly Riley said, her family went to the cemetery where Mary's father was laid to rest and signed the papers and promised to dedicate every game to him.

"I'm just so proud of her," Woods said. "I've coached her for four years - sometimes words aren't enough to express how you feel about a kid."

"However, I all of a sudden became a Syracuse fan. I even went out and bought a jacket for myself."

He's probably not the only one.



Mary Riley of Dearborn Heights Robichaud High School signs a national letter of intent to play basketball for Syracuse University on a full scholarship.

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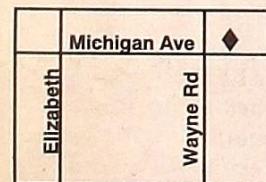
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9. 29225 Smith, (single family residence)
10. 35931 Vinewood, (single family residence)
11. 6130 Wayne, (vegetable stand & garage)
12. 6859 Wayne, (single family residence)
13. 16421 Wayne, (single family residence)

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

03-466

ABC. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Wadsworth to let bids for the demolition of structures and site clearance on Demolition List 03-02.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

03-467

6A5. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff to concur with the Advisory Appointment Committee and re-appoint Catherine Morse and Carl Brooks to the Environmental Protection Board. Terms expire November 3, 2006.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

03-468

6A6. Motion by Crova, supported by Burcroff to concur with the recommendation of City Clerk Linda Choate and City Attorney Barry Seifman and grant authorization to proceed with re-codification of the Code of Ordinances. Funds are available in the Clerks budget.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

03-469

6C1. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Crova to concur with the recommendation of City Attorney, Barry Seifman, and enter into a Joint Confidentiality Agreement regarding Wyandotte Wastewater Treatment Plant ("WWTP") and Pump Litigation.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

03-470

6C2. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Prybyla to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement between the County of Wayne and the City of Romulus and the City of Taylor for Surfacing 0.278 miles of Inkster Road from north of Eureka, at an estimated cost of \$6,185.00.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - Miller. Motion Carried.

03-471

9A1. Motion by Romak, supported by Wadsworth to adopt Resolution in opposition to proposed financial cuts to the Home Help Program funded by Medicaid.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

11. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Linda R. Choate, Clerk

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MAY YOUR HOME BE BLESSED.

Rockets blast Patriots 37-20 in district playoffs

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The John Glenn Rockets beat Franklin 37-30 in the first round of district playoffs Monday night, hosted by Wayne Memorial High School.

Franklin jumped on the board first to take a 2-0 lead but Amy Bailey retaliated with two points of her own to tie the game for John Glenn. And, once Jennifer Schwartz made two from the line, the Rockets moved ahead and never looked back.

However, Franklin was never too far behind. The first quarter ended 9-8 but the Rockets scored 11 and held Franklin to four points in the second to put them up 20-12 at the half.

The Rockets had trouble

shooting from the line and made only 7-17 which allowed Franklin to creep back. The Patriots outscored the Rockets 18-17 in the second half with 13 of those points scored in the fourth quarter. That wasn't enough for Franklin to overtake the lead and Wayne escaped with the win.

"Our defense did well," said John Glenn coach Mike Schuette. "We played within our means."

The first round victory allowed John Glenn another shot at Belleville, who beat them in the first game of the season. The second round against Belleville took place on Wednesday, but the results were not available at press time.

"Over the last few weeks we have been playing better as a team," Schuette said after the

win against Franklin. "We're excited to play Belleville again."

The Rockets entered the district tournament after a close and hard fought 52-51 victory over Livonia Churchill. This was the second time in three weeks that the two teams faced off against one another. The last time they met was Oct. 28 and Churchill came away with a 52-40 win.

This time was a different story as the Rockets came out charged up for the rematch and took an early 12-0 lead to start the game. But Churchill whittled it down to a two-point game at the end of the first half, said John Glenn coach Mike Schuette.

"In the second half it was a seven-point game most of the way through," he said. "Toward the end they cut it down to a three

point game."

The Rockets' Erika Montague hit 1-2 from the free-throw line to put the team up by four with just four seconds left on the clock, which saved the game from going into overtime since Churchill's Robyn Johnson nailed a half-court three-pointer at the buzzer to bring them within one.

Karla Nobles led the team effort with 22 points and Brandi Jones added 12 for the Rockets. Jennifer Schwartz had a solid game off the boards with 12 rebounds.

Jennifer Thauvette came up big again when she nailed four free throws in the final minutes of the game to maintain Glenn's three-point lead.

The Rockets finished the season with a 6-14 overall record.

Whalers battle Battalion in 4-2 win, tie Sarnia

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The Plymouth Whalers almost pulled off an overtime win in Sarnia Saturday night, but fell short with a 2-2 tie. Ryan Ramsay led Plymouth with a goal and an assist.

Sarnia's John Hacimovic gave the Sting an early 1-0 lead when he beat Plymouth goalie Ryan Nie in the first period of play.

Jonas Fiedler tied the game off of assists from Ramsay and Canton native James Wisniewski. Ramsay scored on a power play

to put the Whalers up 2-1 in the third period.

With just one minute left to play the Whalers attempted to clear the puck around the board and a bad bounce put the puck in the back of the Whaler's net to send the game into a scoreless overtime.

"I thought we played a very solid game at both ends," said Mike Vellucci, Plymouth Whalers general manager and head coach. "That was a tough break at the end, but we had some great chances in overtime. These guys have no reason to hang their

heads after the effort they gave."

The Whalers' effort paid off the previous night with a 4-2 victory over the Brampton Battalion. Plymouth had another slow start and allowed Brampton to score twice in the first seven minutes of the game. The two quick goals forced Vellucci to pull goalie Jeff Weber and replace him with Ryan Nie.

John Mitchell scored off a power play to cut into the Battalion's lead. John Vigilante and Wisniewski recorded assists.

Vigilante tied the game 2-2 off of a breakaway with assists from

Ramsay and Mike Letzia.

Vigilante scored again in the third period to put the Whalers ahead 3-2 with assists from Ramsay and David Liffiton. Vaclav Meidl put the game away at 4-2 with assists from Dan Collins and Wisniewski.

The Whalers are 11-6-5 on the year, which puts them in third place in the western division of the Ontario Hockey League (OHL). Plymouth will play in Ontario against the London Knights tomorrow night and return home to battle Erie Otters on Saturday night.

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